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Maveraffle winners announced

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WEMBLEY, ALBERTA – The winners from the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum fundraising raffle were pulled Saturday evening at A Night for the Museum, and prizes were awarded today at the museum in the presence of the board, staff and media in attendance.

“I won something?” said Dan Robinson from Grande Prairie, Alberta, after being told of his grand prize win during a live phone call in front of the cheering crowd who listened in as the call was placed. Robinson had purchased the winning ticket while at the event, which he had just left.

Robinson then called back to make sure that he did indeed win the raffle as he couldn’t believe his luck. Robinson will receive a 2017 Can-Am Maverick and utility trailer to haul it with as the prize, valued at nearly \$35,000.

“I have been looking at buying one for the past year,” said Robinson of his new toy. “We attended the event because it’s a good cause and we want to support the community, but I never in my wildest dreams thought I’d win. We thought we were just making a donation,” he added. “All of my nieces and nephews have these, and now I can join them off-roading. I can’t wait.” Robinson bid on several of the auction items at the event and also donated \$100 during the evening. He bought 3 tickets for the raffle for \$50, including the winning ticket.

“When you consider that since May we were selling these tickets and that Mr. Robinson purchased the tickets at the event itself....he truly is a lucky guy! The support we received for this particular initiative was outstanding and another true indicator of the can-do generosity of our region. Thank you!” said Linda Side, chair of the museum board and fundraising organizer for this year’s events.

The second prize of \$5,000 was won by Mathew Henry from Fort St. John, British Columbia, who was also in attendance at the photo session today to receive his prize.

The Maveraffle, held over the summer and throughout September, was the 2017 charity lottery for the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum in Wembley, Alberta, with proceeds going towards supporting the museum’s programs and exhibits. Local businesses and volunteers assisted with sales of the tickets around town.

“It is with the support of fundraising initiatives like this one that we are able to sustain our leading edge interactive technologies,” said Susan Hunter, executive director of the museum.



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“Along with the Dino Ball, where the winning tickets are drawn, we engage the community and create a space where we can all give to create a world-class facility that we benefit from having in our region.”

Staff at the museum also expressed their heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of support from local and extended communities in the fundraisers that have strengthened the organization.

“The support of the local community is really what enables our museum to keep educating the public and highlighting the rich fossil beds of the area. Every ticket sold is a part of what allows us to keep doing those things. Thank you to everyone who supported this raffle,” added the museum’s assistant curator Derek Larson of the monies raised.

Friends of the museum who didn’t have a chance to enter the raffle but would still like to show their support are encouraged to consider donating or volunteering with the museum, with legacy gifts available throughout the exhibits, grounds and the theatre.

About the museum

The Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum – a 41,000 square foot world-class facility named for Canada’s preeminent palaeontologist and highlighting the rich fossil resources of Northern Alberta – opened its doors to the public on September 26, 2015 just outside of the City of Grande Prairie as Canada’s second devoted dinosaur museum.

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